

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

September 21, 2015

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Dear Families,

If you've been following us on Facebook, you know that our second and third graders have been immersed in Science experiences. The caterpillars are eating through the milkweed, and Jordan Pond has been a popular place to visit. Last Friday Ms. Hurley's class returned with the biggest frog I have ever seen- and that's saying something. As a child I spent every free moment in and around the creeks and ponds in my neighborhood. What I'm noticing in our students is that few of them clock the same amount of study outdoors. Not surprisingly, these days kids devote many more hours to "screen time"- because there are so many more screens in our homes. On one hand, access to learning resources online is a big benefit. After all, we're delighted when kids practice fact fluency that way. Yet, there are compelling opportunities to observe, question and even contribute when we take an interest in life outside the house.

How can we help strike the balance for our children? For starters our Physical Education and Health teachers do a terrific job of educating students about the importance of setting healthy limits. Secondly, our classroom teachers will continue to encourage your children to become familiar with our schoolyard and the animals that live outdoors here in hopes of sparking continued study. Finally, your encouragement is key. If you are interested in resources to encourage the explorer in your child, look here:

- <http://www.nature.org/newsfeatures/kids-in-nature/>
- <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/Page.aspx?pid=1478>
- <https://www.learner.org/jnorth/monarch/>

This time of year is one of transitions for lots of insects, birds and other animals. Get out there and enjoy them before they're gone.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter

Principal

Important Upcoming Dates:

September 22 -	Yom Kippur begins at sundown (ends 9/23)
September 23-	School picture day
September 24-	Eid begins
September 25	School Store begins

September 30-	Curriculum night for Gr 3 & 4, 7-8 pm
October 1	Curriculum night for K, 1 & 2, 7-8 pm
October 9	PD Day- NO SCHOOL for students
October 12	Columbus Day- NO SCHOOL
October 16	School Store

FYI : SPECIAL NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Check us out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool>

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PTO Newsflash

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Email: ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Blog: <http://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/> The PTO has created a blog as an additional resource for information and notices. Come check it out!

Facebook Group: "Calvin Coolidge PTO" <http://www.facebook.com/groups/coolidgepto/> All parents, guardians, and staff are welcome to join our group on Facebook. It's a great place to chat with the community or ask a question.

Direct Donation: <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto> There are many ways to help support the PTO, a direct donation is just one.

1. Save the date for upcoming PTO meetings!
2. Fall Catalog Chair Needed
3. The Mighty Nest
4. 1st School Store- September 25th
5. Help for the Holy Cross Football game- October 31st

1.Save the Dates: Mark your calendars for our next PTO meetings:
Wednesday, October 21st and December 2nd.
We hope to see you there!

2.Fall Catalog Chair Needed: The PTO sponsors catalog fundraisers in the Fall and the Spring which earn a significant amount of the PTO's funds. These critical fundraisers are an important component of our support for students' enrichment programs. Most of the work can be completed at home at a time that works for you and the catalog representative will guide you through a successful event. The fundraiser can be run by more than one person if you want to work with a friend or make a

new one. We look forward to working with you! Please contact Rachel (ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) if you are interested.

3.The Mighty Nest <http://mightynest.com/>) donates 15% of your order to the school of your choice, every time you purchase something. This is another great way to contribute to our schools, and eliminate unnecessary, harmful toxins hiding in our every day items. They carry Lunch Boxes, Food Containers, Snack & Sandwich Bags, Utensils, Napkins, Water Bottles, Backpacks and much more. Thanks to parent Amanda Tanaka for the tip!

4. School Store The first **school store** on **September 25th**. A donation box has been placed in the front lobby for items to help support the store.

5.Help for Holy Cross Football Game: The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester is holding a Kids Day football game on October 31, 2015 at 1 pm against Bryant University. We are looking for someone to coordinate a group outing to the game for Coolidge. Please contact Rachel (ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) if you are interested.

To include news about your committee, fundraiser or PTO event in future newsflashes, please e-mail your submissions to Kristie Biando at kbiando74@gmail.com